The amount of subscriptions offered to erect an Episcopal Church in the district of Southwark, Philadelphia county. Payable if the sum of five thousand dollars is subscribed within twelve months from this date.

WE the Subscribers do promise to pay the respective sums of money opposite to our individual names to Arthur Stotesbury, Phineas Eldridge, Joseph Huddell, John Golder, John Robbarts, William Hughes, William Hook, William Garwood, Robert Burton, Edward Wallington, John Turner, jr. and John H. Curtis (a committee appointed to collect subscriptions) when the sum of five thousand dollars is subscribed, to be appropriated to the renting a lot and erecting a Protestant Episcopal Church in the District of Southwark within the bounds of German and Queen streets and Second and Third streets.

September, 1819.

Joseph Turner —— $1000
John Dowcke —— 200
Wm Hughes —— 100
John Robbarts —— 100

CIRCULAR.

At a Stated Meeting of the Vestry of Trinity Church, Southwark, held on Wednesday Evening, the 2nd of January, 1833, present the Rector, Messrs. Huddell and Palmer, Wardens; Stotesbury, Thompson, Eyre, Colcord, Story, Garwood and Rutter, of the Vestry.

The Committee appointed at a former Meeting of the Vestry, to inquire into the state of the Church, reported a deficiency of $306 in the annual income of the Church, equivalent to the obligations of the Church for ground rent, interest on mortgages, fuel and light. When on motion the following Resolution was unanimously adopted—

Resolved, that *thirty per cent.* be added to the rent of the Pews and Sittings in *Trinity Church*, from and after the first day of January, 1833, to meet said deficiency.

In making this addition to the Pew Rents of the Church, the Vestry have acted under the necessity of circumstances beyond their control, and while they indulge the hope that the time is not far distant when that necessity should no longer exist, they are gratified in the belief that, even with this addition to the annual expense of a Pew or Sitting, is not as much, by one-third, as that of those in other Episcopal Churches, possessing corresponding advantages.

By order of the Rector,
Church Wardens and Vestrymen
Of Trinity Church, Southwark.

RICHARD PALMER,
Acting Warden.

Southwark, January 7th, 1833.

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK.

In accordance with a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the congregation held September 23, 1836, requesting the Vestry to levy an assessment upon the Pews and Sittings sufficient to enable them to meet the expenses of the Church, notice is hereby given, that from and after the first day of *January* 1837, the Rents for Pews in said Church shall be as follows:

1.	The Pews in the Middle Aisle, including those with columns, front of Gallery,	$6 00	each	Sitting,	per year.
2.	" " in the East and West Aisles, next the centre,	do. 5 00	do.	do.	
3.	" " in the East and West Aisles, next the walls,	4 00	do.	do.	
4.	The 12 Pews under the Gallery—Middle, East and West Aisles,	4 00	do.	do.	
5.	" 10 " East and West of the Chancel,	4 00	do.	do.	
6.	" 4 " Nos. 6, 22, 93 and 109, next the walls,	3 00	do.	do.	
7.	The Pews in the Galleries, front,	4 00	do.	do.	
8.	" " in the Galleries, second row,	3 25	do.	do.	
9.	" " in the Galleries, third row,	2 50	do.	do.	
10.	" " in the Galleries, fourth and fifth rows,	2 00	do.	do.	

The By-laws of the Church require the Pew Rents to be paid semi-annually, at the Church, to wit, on the three first *Mondays* of *January* and *July*, in each and every year, without further demand; and *six months* Rent must be paid in advance on taking Pews or Sittings.

Whereas the foregoing provisions of the By-laws has been much neglected, to the great inconvenience of the officers of the Church and its continued wants, therefore the following resolution was adopted October 1st, 1834:—

"*Resolved*, That if any person shall be *one year in arrears* for Pew Rent, and the same be not paid within the *three collecting days in January and July*, in each and every year hereafter, such Pews and Sittings shall be forfeited, and the Wardens shall have power to rent the same, and all Pews and Sittings shall be given up to the Church."

Extract from the minutes.

RICHARD PALMER,
RICHARD GARWOOD,
Wardens.

Southwark, Dec. 1836.

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK,

Philadelphia, July 13th, 1865.

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DEAR SIR:

At a Meeting of the Vestry held this evening, you were appointed one of a Committee of twenty pew holders of Trinity Church, to whom was referred the subject of re-building and enlarging the organ.

The following are the gentlemen of the Committee:

REV. D. WASHBURN,
MR. JNO. RUSSELL,
" CHAS. GASCOYNE,
" OSCAR THOMPSON,
" JAS. CREAGMILE,
E. WARD, M. D.,
MR. SAM'L P. RUTTER,
" C. M. PETERSON,
" W. B. WATKINS,
" H. R. EDMUNDS,
MR. GEO. W. SMITH,
" WM. S. PRICE,
" BENJ. F. HARTMAN,
" WM. SHRIVER,
" PAUL J. FIELD,
" JOS. W. FLICKWIR,
" JNO. BAXTER,
" H. H. WATKINS,
" LEWIS FAYETTE,
" E. S. HALL.

A Meeting of the Committee will be held on Tuesday Evening next, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock in the Vestry Room.

Your attendance is earnestly requested.

Respectfully,

D. WASHBURN,
Chairman.

C. M. PETERSON,
Secretary.

added -
Chas Welsh
Benj Martin - dec'd Nov 18 1865
F. J. Richards

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Hall of the Weccacoe Fire Company.

Mr .....

Sir:

Our Company has accepted an invitation from Trinity P. E. Church, to hear a discourse by the Rev. Dr. Washburn, to be delivered on Thursday Evening, June 1st, 1865, on the character and death of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States.

You are respectfully invited to meet at the Engine House, on Thursday Evening, June 1st, at 7 o'clock. To proceed to the Church in a body.

JOS. R. LYNDALL,
Pres't. Weccacoe Fire Co.

WM. B. LANDON,
Secretary.

To the Congregations of The Evangelists,

Gloria Dei and Trinity Churches;

DEARLY BELOVED:

It is purposed by your respective Rectors to hold a series of United Services in their Churches, beginning the evening of October 3d, in the Church of the Evangelists, at 7½ o'clock; October 10th in Gloria Dei Church, and October 17th in Trinity Church, at the same hour. These extra services will continue throughout the week, at 8 P. M. excepting Saturday evening, and are called for the especial object of arousing the people who wait on our ministry to a greater sense of their fearful relation to God and eternity.

1869

To those who are the servitors of Christ, we address a most affectionate and earnest appeal: we invoke you, on these occasions, "to the help of the Lord against the mighty." We urge a constant attendance upon each service, and by faithful and unceasing prayer seek to obtain the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. At home, in church, indeed everywhere, let your soul be burdened with the importance of these opportunities as the day of visitation to perishing souls. We appeal to you in behalf of your families, neighbors and friends. Behold them without God and in danger of eternal wrath. We appeal for the sake of our Blessed Lord, who died for them and you; by all the love He bears for you, and your avowed love for Him, that NOW, in the fullness of your faith and strength, you will with us enter heartily in this work.

To the ungodly we would extend a most loving invitation to come to Jesus. His arms of mercy are ever outstretched toward you; His voice of entreaty never ceases to sound the call of love to the weary sin-burdened soul. We also do solemnly warn you of approaching danger. "Why will ye die?" Have you a lease on your life! "Each beating pulse leaves but the number less."

"God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Make these services the occasion of your sincere dedication to God—the day of your salvation. Resolve that you will be present at every service, and come praying that the Blessed Saviour may open your blind eyes and heal your diseased soul. Come seeking His mercy, and "He will in nowise cast you out."

That the Holy Ghost may come and bless us in an especial manner, and that we may experience a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord,

Sincerely pray your affectionate Pastors,

SAMUEL DURBOROW,
S. B. SIMES,
JOHN W. BROWN.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear the devout prayers of Thy Church; and grant that those things we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

McFARLAND PR 811 WALNUT ST

Prepared by Rev Mr Brown

To the Members and Friends of

Trinity Prot. Episcopal Church.

TRINITY CHURCH occupied at one time a very prominent position in this city, but from causes well known to you all, it lost that proud position. Within the past two years under its present rector a fresh impetus has been given to it, which, it is confidently believed, will, with God's blessing, restore it to its former standing amongst its sister churches.

As a means towards this end, and to supply a long felt need, an Association has been formed, and is now working, to erect or purchase a Rectory for Trinity Church, by such means as may be thought best, but it will require at least two or three years of active exertion before this can be consummated.

The finances of the parish are not yet in a condition to admit of an increase to the rector's salary sufficient to enable him to rent a house within reasonable distance of the church. It is considered as a necessity for the keeping of a good pastor to provide a suitable and convenient home for him.

The *object* of this Circular is to propose to you to form yourselves into an association to raise funds *to pay the rent* of a Rectory, until one is purchased for the church, and the following *plan* is suggested :—

The Association to consist of two hundred members, each contributing twenty-five (25) cents per month—amounting to six hundred dollars per year.

The members to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and to adopt rules for the government of the association. Meetings to be held once a month for the collection of dues, and such business transacted bearing upon the object, as may be brought before the association,

As Christian men and women we owe something to the cause of Christ and the spread of His Gospel in our immediate neighborhood. We can best do this by assisting with our means, however small they may be, our church in its efforts to become known as a place where that Gospel is well preached.

Trinity Church can succeed with an earnest practical pastor at its head, but to keep such a one, we must bear in mind "that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," and that our Lord has said "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

PHILIP POWELL,
CHARLES M. PETERSON,
JOSEPH W. FLICKWIR,
HENRY GREEN,
HENRY R. EDMUNDS,
JOSEPH WAGNER,
D. W. HEPPARD,
ZACH. TAYLOR.

PHILADELPHIA, NOVEMBER 13, 1869.

(This was not circulated)
Cmt.

Philadelphia, June 1, 1869.

To the Pew and Seat holders Trinity Church, Southwark,

The undersigned, a Committee of the Vestry, have been instructed by resolution, adopted May 20, to communicate to you the action of the Vestry relative to increasing the revenue of the church.

An investigation into the condition of the Parish showed, that while in every way flourishing; harmony prevailing throughout the congregation; the services attended by increased numbers; the Sunday Schools growing; and calls for aid for Parish and general Church objects liberally responded to—for all which our gratitude is due to the Great Head of the Church, and under Him to our esteemed Rector—yet our current expenses (which it must not be forgotten have been considerably increased within the past eighteen months) have not been fully met by the receipts from the Pew Rents: and repairs in and about the Church add considerably to our expenditures every year, if we would keep our property in good order, and look after the comfort of those who worship in our Sanctuary.

To remedy this difficulty, after giving the subject careful consideration, and conferring with many of the congregation, the Vestry, adopting the report of the Committee to whom the subject was referred, have re-arranged the *pew-rental*, giving in the aggregate a moderate increase over the amount at present realized from the pews.

At the same time they have done what heretofore seems to have been overlooked, *equalized the rents;* increasing the rate on those the location of which make them desirable; others remaining at present rates, and others considerably reduced.

Having just paid off the debt resting for years upon her, and entering, under God's blessing, on a new career of increased usefulness, TRINITY CHURCH appeals to her members and friends to stand by her, and maintain her and her services in their entirety, *without debt.*

Below will be found the new rent of the respective parties to whom this circular is addressed, from July 1, next, payable semi-annually in advance.

PHILIP POWELL,
JOSEPH W. FLICKWIR,
HENRY GREEN,
CHARLES M. PETERSON,
EDWARD D. BROOKS,
} *Committee.*

Pew No. 129; 1 Seats; Annual Rent, $ 600

1821. 1871.

Trinity Church, Southwark.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

The Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, Southwark, cordially invite your participation in the Services of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Laying of the Corner-stone of the Church, on St. Mark's Day, April 25th, 1871.

Miss Patsy Ann Fuet

& Miss Sallie Russell

over

Anniversary Services,

APRIL 25, 1871.

10½ A. M.—MORNING PRAYER, SERMON and HOLY COMMUNION.

The Offertory at Holy Communion will be a Thank Offering for the blessings received through the ministrations of the Church during the half century of its existence.

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8 P. M.—PARISH RE-UNION.

Historical Sketch of the Parish. Addresses from Clergy and Laity.
Musical Selections.

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Philadelphia, November, 1874.

To the Lotholders in the Cemetery
of Trinity Church, Southwark,

At a meeting of the Vestry of Trinity Church, Southwark, the following Preamble and Resolution were adopted :

Whereas, The City of Philadelphia has constructed a sewer on Queen Street, between Second and Third Streets, and assessed the Church to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars, for so much of said sewer as has been laid in front of the Church property :

And whereas, In the opinion of the Vestry the amount so assessed is properly chargeable upon the Lots in the Cemetery, which cover the Queen Street portion of the Church property,

Resolved, That a contribution be asked of each lotholder of Three Dollars for the purpose of paying for the sewer referred to in the preamble.

The undersigned will acknowledge such contributions for this object as may be sent to his residence, No. 940 Moyamensing Avenue, and furnish any information that may be desired, relating thereto.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES M. PETERSON,

Accounting Warden of Trinity Church.

Not Circulated

SELECT READINGS

BY

PROF. S. K. MURDOCH,

AT ST. GEORGE'S HALL

Arch and Thirteenth Streets,

Monday Evening, March 4th, 1878, at 8 o'clock.

BENEFIT OF TRINITY P. E. CHURCH.

TICKETS 50 CENTS,

For Sale at J. E. Ditson & Co's, 922 Chestnut Street, and at the door on the Evening.

M'FARLAND & SON, Printers, 311 Walnut St.

Trinity Church, Southwark

The REV. HORACE F. FULLER

will enter upon the Rectorship on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th, 1893.

SERVICES

8 A. M. Holy Communion. 10.30 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon.

7.30 P. M. Evening Prayer and Sermon.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Philadelphia, March 1st, 1893.

To the Members and Friends of
Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia:

A recent bequest to our parish from one not connected therewith, has started the matter of an *Endowment Fund* for Trinity Church, Southwark. This has been a subject which has occupied the thoughts of some of us for a long time, but the opportune season did not seem to present itself for pressing it upon the consideration of those to whom we must appeal for assistance.

The necessity for a fund of this kind, the income from which, in the future, shall provide the support to a considerable degree at least, of the Church services, and the care of the property will be apparent to those who will carefully look over the ground.

For some years there has been a steady withdrawal of its residents along the eastern portion of our City owing to the encroachments of business and other causes, and our Church has thereby lost many of its active members, those who contributed largely to its support. These members and their children are now to be found in a majority of the parishes in the northern and western parts of the city. Those who remain are doing all in their power to maintain the Church, but, fewer in numbers the task each year becomes all the harder, while those brought into the Church from the surrounding population are without the ability to do much financially.

With a property without any debt, worth at least $60,000, especially with its "God's Acre," in which reposes the dust of many, who for the past seventy years were numbered among her faithful children, now resting from their labors and awaiting the general resurrection in the last day, its preservation becomes a matter of religious duty, and appeals strongly to the sympathy of those who now are, and to those who have been connected with the Parish; and also to the children of those who have departed hence in the Lord, in grateful remembrance of devoted parents.

As a suitable time for offerings towards this most desirable object, the Rector and Vestry have determined to devote the coming Easter-day collections to the *Endowment Fund*; and the aid of all those to whom this appeal will reach is most earnestly requested. Contributions and subscriptions may be sent to either of the undersigned, or to any member of the Vestry.

Francis M. Taitt, Rector,
209 Catharine Street.
Charles M. Peterson, Accounting Warden,
630 North 40th Street.
Joseph W. Flickwir, Rector's Warden,
No. 226 German Street.

Philadelphia, Advent, 1895.

TO THE PARISHIONERS OF TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK.

The present Advent season commemorates the Tenth Anniversary of the introduction of the Envelope System—the plan of systematic weekly offerings—into our parish financial policy. Our pew rental ten years ago was not sufficient to meet the ordinary expenses of the Church, and to avoid piling up yearly deficits to be an incubus upon those who were to follow them, the Rector and Vestry determined to try the efficacy of a system which had been in successful practice elsewhere.

This plan has these positive advantages:

I. The burden of parochial expenses is hereby more justly divided, since each person may contribute in direct proportion to his means. With the pew system alone, all are compelled to contribute an equal sum. In this supplementary subscription plan the wealthy have an opportunity to give, if they are so disposed, a sum corresponding to their income.

II. This system gives the poorest persons an opportunity to do what they can; and persons of slender means who do not feel able to rent a pew, can contribute in small sums an amount equal to the ordinary charge for a sitting.

III. There will result from these small contributions and from the regularity of the larger offerings, an increase of revenue sufficient to meet our ordinary expenses.

That the Envelope System has been continued to the present day must be proof satisfactory to all that it has been a success with us. To it, in a very great measure is to be attributed, in spite of all the difficulties under which the Churches in our section of the city labor, our healthy financial condition.

Owing to deaths among our number and removals of others to distant parts of the city, losses not easily filled, are continually occurring At the same time our expenses are not decreasing in any respect.

What a decade back we feared, may soon come to pass unless we can press upon the consciences of every member of the Parish the matter of his duty, according to each one's ability to assist the Vestry in maintaining the services in our beloved Church in the future as in the past.

The communicant list of the Parish numbers over 300 persons: the present list of envelope subscribers numbers only 125. Is it unreasonable to hope that this appeal may secure an additional fifty, or perhaps one hundred to our list if the subject is fairly considered?

While pressing the value of this system, we wish also to remind the congregation of the importance of maintaining the income from pew rents. It is to be desired that whenever possible, members of the Parish should become holders of pews or sittings.

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CHARLES M. PETERSON,
JOSEPH W. FLICKWIR,
Wardens.

....Notice....

The ladies of the ALTAR GUILD of TRINITY CHURCH. SOUTHWARK, with the co-operation of other organizations and members of the Parish, purpose holding from December 3d to 7th, inclusive, a FAIR for the sale of useful and fancy articles. Supper and Refreshments will be served at the RESTAURANT, under the supervision of the ladies of the Guild.

The Fair will be held in the second story of the Parish building, and its object will be to raise money to assist in meeting the necessary expenses of the Church.

We earnestly ask the interest and co-operation of all the members of the Church, with their friends, in this undertaking, that it may be sucessful in all its results.

The ladies are meeting every Tuesday, from 7 P. M. until 10 P. M., at the Church, to make up articles and to receive donations, and will welcome all who would like to work wiih them.

MRS T. H. LANE, *Directress*,
827 S. Third Street.

MRS C. M. PETERSON, *Secrectary*.
1724 N. Sixteenth Street.

PHILADELPHIA, October 15th, 1895.

THE regular Quarterly Meeting of the Southeast Convocation will be held in Trinity Church, Southwark, Catharine street above Second, on Wednesday, January 15th, 1896. The program for the day will be:—

9 00 A. M. HOLY COMMUNION.

4 00 P M. BUSINESS MEETING.

6.00 P. M. SUPPER FOR DELEGATES.

8 00 P. M. MISSIONARY SERVICE, with addresses by

ARCHDEACON CYRUS T. BRADY
and Mr. HERBERT WELSH.

The Clergy will kindly announce the above to their congregations; delegates will please use the annexed card for reply.

HERMAN L. DUHRING, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, January 6th, 1896.

Trinity Church

Southwark

Parish Tea

Thursday

April 30th

...1896....

From 8 to 10 P. M.

Trinity Church....

Southwark

A NOTICE

The attention of those who worship in Trinity Church, and of all who have at heart the welfare of this venerable Parish, is asked to the following statement.

It has been evident for many years that the change in the population of Southwark would prove of serious disadvantage

Numbers of our oldest and best members have recently been lost by death or by distant removal.

While there is no reason for despair, the time has come for a determined and united effort to meet the new conditions.

Surely the thought, even as a remote possibility, of closing the doors of Trinity Church, or of crippling its power for good, is one not to be entertained by those who have worshipped God within its walls.

The parochial agencies are as active and as efficient as ever before; the Sunday school numbers 350 members; the numerous guilds are carrying on their good work; and the frequent services of the Church are well attended. An excellent class is in preparation for confirmation on May 8th; our Communicant list numbers 329.

The estimated annual income from pew rents, envelope collections, regular Sunday offerings, rent of rectory, etc., is $2,250, while our expenses for salaries, choir, heat, light and incidentals are $2,850.

The accounting warden needs additions to his envelope subscribers, thus increasing the regular income, and removing the necessity of special collections. An average annual increase of offerings of $2 by each communicant would more than accomplish this.

The Easter offering has been counted upon in the past to reduce or extinguish the deficit, and the offering ought to be large enough this year to wipe out all obligations. To this end, the entire offering, except such money as shall be otherwise designated by the giver, will be devoted to current expenses.

Offerings for the endowment fund are also needed. This fund when large enough, will make the Parish independent, and assure its continuance; its increase is a matter of vital importance.

HORACE F. FULLER, Rector.

CHARLES M. PETERSON,
JOSEPH W. FLICKWIR,
Wardens.

Philadelphia, March 26, 1898.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 24, 1899.

DEAR FRIEND:

The regular quarterly meeting of the **South-East Convocation** will be held in **Trinity Church** (Southwark), **Philadelphia**, Rev. Horace F. Fuller, Rector, on **Thursday, June 1, 1899.**

Holy Communion, - - - -	10.30 A. M.
Business Meeting, - - - -	4.30 P. M.
Supper, - - - - -	6 P. M.
Public Missionary Meeting, - - -	8 P. M.

SPEAKERS:
Rev Chas S. Olmsted DD.
Rev. LLEWELLYN N. CALEY,
GUSTAVUS COHEN
~~AND OTHERS~~.

All delegates are requested to notify Rev. Horace F. Fuller, 220 Fitzwater Street, whether they expect to be present.

Please invite your Congregation to the Missionary Meeting.

JOHN MONCURE, Secretary.

"It shall be the duty of each Clergyman, unless prevented by GRAVE and REASONABLE cause, to attend the regular meetings, and to report all missionary work done in his cure."—Canon viii, Section V.

TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK:

It has been found necessary thoroughly to renovate the interior of the Church building. For about twenty years no considerable improvement had been undertaken upon the sacred edifice.

Upon examination it was determined to paint and decorate the interior throughout. Various valuable minor improvements were suggested as the work proceeded, such as the renewal of the gas fixtures, altering the pews, repairing the roof, etc.; all of which doubtless will commend themselves entirely upon inspection.

So complete is the transformation, and so beautiful, that the venerable Church is confessedly more imposing and reverently attractive than ever before in its long and honorable history. The entire expense of this work will be about Twelve Hundred Dollars.

It is hoped that this whole amount will be promptly offered, and that the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestrymen, may thus be able to meet the obligation without the necessity of making personal and persistent appeals.

May God the Blessed Trinity accept this work for His glory and the good of men, and put it into the hearts of His children gladly to participate in the responsibility and privilege thereof!

HORACE F. FULLER,
Rector.

CHARLES M. PETERSON,
Accounting Warden,
1727 N. Sixteenth Street.

BARTRAM ASHMEAD,
Rector's Warden.

Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1899.

.....THE LADIES ALTAR GUILD.....

OF

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK

requests the pleasure of your company

ON TUESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY SIXTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED,

at the Parish House.

Twenty-first Anniversary

8 to 10.

TRINITY SUNDAY

JUNE 2, 1901

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8 A. M. Holy Communion.

10 A. M. Morning Prayer (Plain)

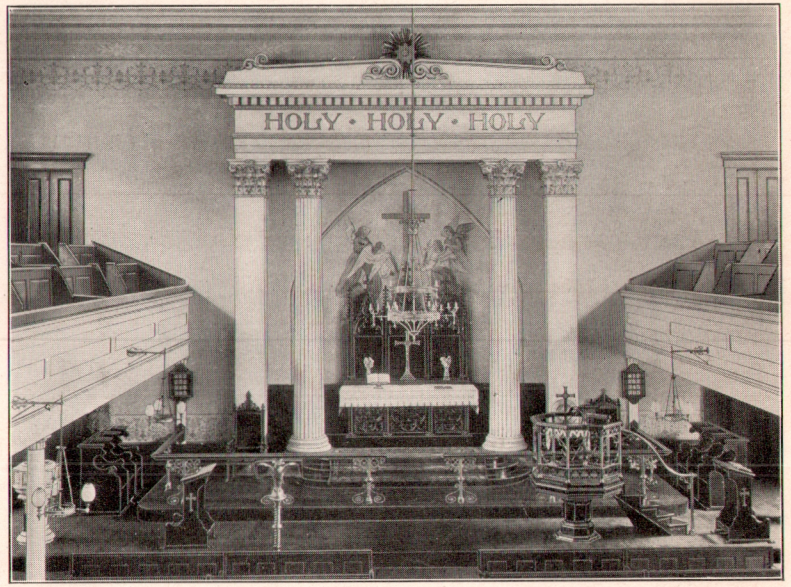
10.30 A. M. Holy Communion and Sermon.
The Rev. Jesse Y. Burk, officiating.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School.

3 P. M. Sunday School Anniversary. Presentation of Endowment Offering and address by Rev. H. L. Duhring, D. D.

4.30 P. M. Confirmation by the Rt. Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D.D., LL.D.

8 P. M. Evening Prayer, and Sermon by the Rev. F. M. Taitt, the Rev. Prof. A. D. Heffern, present and officiating.



TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK

CATHARINE STREET ABOVE SECOND

ORGANIZED 1819 CORNER-STONE LAID BY BISHOP WHITE, 1821

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK, appeals on behalf of its Endowment Fund.

The object is worthy the interest of all who wish well for this community.

The commencement of the Fund was long delayed, but the need of it is increasingly urgent.

The general character of our neighborhood has long been undergoing radical change.

The Parish has suffered much through the removal of its members, but it is now, and probably will continue to be, the most populous section of Philadelphia.

Though now not largely amenable to Christian teaching, these people must inevitably become so as the years pass.

The preservation of the venerable Church to meet the needs of the future is quite as important as its present maintenance.

To secure against possible desecration the Church-yard where repose the bodies of so many servants of God, must deeply concern their descendants.

In the year 1892 the foundation of the Endowment Fund was laid, and amounts have been added annually by our people. Nearly $4,000 has been gathered.

This Fund should be increased until the permanent preservation of the useful life of the Parish in worship and work, be secured for all time, and the menace of disbandment or removal be forever banished.

Trinity Sunday, June 2d, will be observed as the Anniversary of the Church, and all offerings on that day will be devoted to the Endowment Fund.

Offerings may be made at any service on Trinity Sunday, and gifts for this object may be sent to any of the undersigned.

HORACE F. FULLER, Rector,
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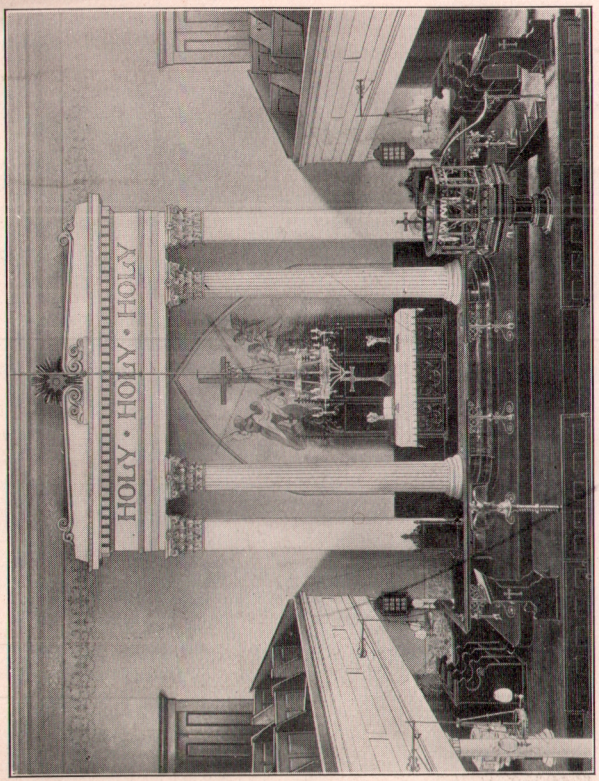

EIGHTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

—OF—

TRINITY CHURCH, SOUTHWARK

Catharine Street above Second.

TRINITY SUNDAY, MAY 25TH, 1902.

SERVICES

8.00 A. M.—Holy Communion.

10.30 A. M.—Morning Prayer, Sermon and Holy Communion. Address by the Rev. Jesse Y. Burk.

8 00 P. M.—Sunday School Festival. Addresses by the Rev. E. C. Belcher, Rev. A. D. Heffern and Rev. F. M. Taitt.

The annual offering for the Endowment Fund will be made. All members and friends of the Parish are earnestly invited to participate in this effort to secure the venerable Church for all time. The importance of generous gifts now is inestimable. About $5,000 is now in the fund. It is not yet too late to preserve the Church where the need for it becomes increasingly important.

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TRINITY CHURCH SOUTHWARK

My dear People:

At the beginning of a new Church-year I feel bound to urge upon you with all the force I can the duty of contributing according to your means to the support of your parish church.

The necessity for such an appeal was never so great as now. You do not need to be told that for a long time past the income of Trinity Church has been steadily diminishing. But perhaps you do not know that of late years it has actually proved inadequate to meet the current expenses, low as these have now been cut. That something like $500 is set aside every year as an endowment fund is a deceptive suggestion of prosperity, for against this stands the fact that the Parish is falling behind with its expenses by more than that same amount every year.

As things are now, the wealthier members of the Parish, who live for the most part at a distance from the church and are little able to avail themselves of its ministrations, contribute the largest share towards its maintenance. These people cannot be expected to give more: we have rather to expect that there will be fewer of them year by year to contribute. But, at the same time, it may be justly expected and required that the many (whatever be their means) who living at a distance do not regularly attend nor subscribe, should prove the sincerity of their attachment to the parish from which they refuse to be transferred, by a systematic offering,--lest it appear that they maintain their connection with Trinity only that they may avoid contributing to another church in their own neighborhood. Yet if this parish is to be supported, and if the parish church is to be kept in its present position, the less wealthy members (for there are few among us that properly can be called poor), and those of them especially that live where they can constantly enjoy the ministrations of this church for themselves and for their children, must now bear the chief burden of its support,--and before long, the whole burden. That they can do it, I have no doubt; and that they will do it, I have good reason to hope when I note their loyalty to their parish, the friendly spirit that unites them, and their kindly encouragement of their Pastor. To keep this venerable church here where it has so long stood for the proclamation of the Gospel, is the reason I am here,--or to keep it here so long as it can stay and is rendering the manifest service it now renders. We cannot probe into the remote future, but it can be said confidently with reference to the years immediately before us, and with the situation unchanged, that the removal of Trinity Church would be proof that the majority of its registered communicants--the majority likewise of its actual attendants--are not true to the discipleship they have professed, and do not feel the compelling power of the Gospel of love and self-sacrifice. I could have no more convincing proof of the failure of my ministry as your spiritual pastor than my impotence to induce you to perform the one act of practical service which is now your most obvious duty to God through His Church.

The renting of pews is a time-honored method of supporting our churches. But whatever the merits of the system may be, the time is now long past when this church could be so supported. For this there are obvious reasons, not the least of which, I believe, is the growing distaste of the system of pew-renting, in favor of a more hospitable attitude. But it is too often forgotten, that, whereas the hospitality of the church ought freely to be extended to those that come seeking the Gospel, it cannot justly be claimed by those who having found the Gospel and professed their discipleship refuse persistently to contribute according to their means to support the ordinances of religion

which they enjoy. At all events,we have now practically all the advantages of a free church,and I own frankly that in my opinion they are great advantages. But on the other hand there are grave disadvantages,and one of them,upon which I ask you here to reflect,is more serious than a mere decrease in revenue. According to the Charter of this Church,no men are eligible for vestrymen,or have even a right to vote for vestrymen or for rector,who have not for a year past been holders of a pew or sitting. This number is now so small that the time seems near when there shall not be enough men to fill the offices of the parish. It is much to be desired,for the sake of the dignity and stability of this parish,that in addition to,or in place of,contributions through the envelope system,more of the men of the parish, whether communicants or not,would qualify as electors or office-bearers by the renting of a pew or sitting. On another sheet I call attention to the exceedingly low figure to which the rental of sittings is reduced.

It is not,however,to be expected that the chief support of this parish can ever again come from the rental of pews. The plan of systematic offerings by the system of weekly envelopes,introduced here fifteen years ago,must henceforth be reckoned our chief source of revenue. It is well adapted to those who might find it difficult to contribute the same sum in larger installments. It has further the advantage of being more frankly a free-will offering to the Lord;since the gift is not the price of a commodity or personal distinction,and the so-called "pledge" is in reality only the record of a man's deliberate and conscientious estimate of the share of his income (the fruit of his labor or abstinence) which he thinks himself able and feels himself bound to devote to the maintenance of the religious rites he himself enjoys,and for the furtherance of the Gospel in the immediate neighborhood of his home.

From a rough but not a careless estimate of the resources of this congregation I am confident that without appreciable sacrifice of comfort or convenience many who now contribute could contribute more,and that twice as many again could contribute who now contribute nothing at all,or nothing upon conscientious reflection and of resolute purpose. But if sacrifice should be involved,I should not be loath to urge it upon you,knowing as I do that it has its rich reward,and fearing as I have good reason to fear that those who are willing to hear the Gospel for naught will value it at naught.

It is likely that not many persons are aware how few are contributing in any systematic way to the support of this Church: they constitute less than one fourth of the whole--whether the number of attendants be reckoned,or the number of communicants,--and they give more than four times as much as the other three fourths. It is likely,too,that not many of this other and greater part of the congregation have ever paused to reflect what portion of their goods they are actually giving to God: in this class there are about 220 communicants,or about the same number of irregular attendants,and they give a total of $3 at each of the two Sunday services,equivalent to about $1 per soul annually,or 1 cent for each service. If they should reflect,they could not but conclude that the "mites" they have been carelessly offering,not according to their ability,are an offense to Christ and unworthy to be presented upon the Holy Table where we commemorate God's unspeakable gift to us.

If these figures and others which are given on the accompanying sheet do not convince you of your duty,or do not persuade you to do it,I beg that you will take pains to come next Sunday to your parish church to hear both morning and evening what by God's grace I may be enabled to say to you upon this subject.

Faithfully your Pastor,

W a l t e r L o w r i e.

November 16th 1903.

The Holy Cross Guild of
Trinity, Southwark

requests the pleasure of your company on
Thursday Night, October 29th, 1903, at eight o'clock
to meet the men of the Parish at

A Smoker

Mr. Lowrie will give a Talk about "A Trip to Italy"

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The Altar Guild of Trinity Church

Southwark

Request the pleasure of your company

on Tuesday Evening, February Sixteenth,

Nineteen Hundred and Four

from 8 to 10 o'clock

in honor of its

Twenty-fifth Anniversary